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SUBJ: MATERIALS ON IRANIAN ABSORPTION CAPABILITY FOR SFRC STAFF

- 1. DURING THE VISITTO IRAN OF SFRC DEL RICHARDSON DECEMBER 5-9, 1977, THE QUESTION OF IRANIAN ABSORPTION CAPABILITY WAS DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL. MR. RICHARDSON ASKED FOR COPIES OF MATERIALS ON THAT SUBJECT DEVELOPED HERE THAT HAD EARLIER BEEN PROVIDED TO WASHINGTON OVER A NUMBER OF MONTHS DURING 1977.
- 2. A SET OF SUCH MATERIALS WAS FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON BUT IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO HAVE THEM UPDATED BEFORE PROVIDING THEM TO THE STAFFDEL. THAT HAS NOW BEEN DONE, AND COL. LIOTTA OF ARMISH/MAAG WILL DELIVER A SET OF THE UPDATED MATERIALS TO LTG FISH'S OFFICE IN DSAA T 0800 JANUARY 10. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THOSE MATERIALS WILL BE REVIEWED BEFORE ANY OF THEM ARE PROVIDED TO MR. RICHARDSON TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTER-AGENCY PAPERS (INCLUDING GOI ABSORPTION CAPABILITY) THAT THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH WILL PROVIDE THE CONGRESS SHORTLY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE COL. LIOTTA BEING PROVIDED WITH ANY OF THE DRAFT MATERIALS INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT EFFORT FOR THE CONGRESS SO THAT HE MIGHT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THEM. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE STATUS OF ANY SUCH PAPERS, OR PARTS OF THEM, MAY BE DIFFERENT AT

THIS TIME, AND FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ANY MATERIALS PROVIDED WOULD BE SOLELY FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S BACKGROUND, AND SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVISION AS THE PAPERS BECOME FULLY DEVELOPED. SULLIVAN

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